

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) ~~Moulded~~ A molded rubber sheet structure for use in the ~~a~~ process for the production of slabs ~~as above defined, of the type comprising~~ consisting of:

~~two layers of a first layer of rubber forming a first outwardly directed surface and a second layer of rubber,~~

~~between which a first layer of non-deformable cloth or fabric is interposed between said first and second layers of rubber,~~

~~a second layer of cloth of non-deformable material provided on said second layer of rubber and forming a~~ characterized in that the base of the composite molded rubber sheet is completed with a second layer of cloth or fabric of non-deformable material, which second layer of cloth thereby constitutes the a second outwardly directed surface of the molded rubber sheet,

~~said composite structure molded rubber sheet being moreover dimensionally stabilised~~ stabilized by heating to a temperature in the region of 160°C, and

~~the first and second layers of rubber have the same structure as regards the homogeneity of heat transfer.~~

2. (currently amended) ~~Rubber~~ A molded rubber sheet structure according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said rubber is one of the EPM ethylene and propylene copolymers or VKF fluorocarbon rubbers or PU polyurethane rubbers type.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) ~~Rubber~~ A molded rubber sheet structure according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first and second cloths are formed by a polyester warp and a nylon weft.
5. (currently amended) ~~Rubber~~ A molded rubber sheet structure according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said heating to a temperature in the region of 160°C is performed for 1-3 hours.
6. (new) A molded rubber sheet structure according to Claim 1, wherein said molded rubber sheet structure consists of a finite-length removable sheet, not in the form of a continuous belt, for use in the process for the production of slab, wherein said sheet is initially attached to a slab and is then subsequently removed therefrom.